GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Stock of Sugar
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the country had enough stock of sugar and that the sugar output projection for 2016-17 was misleading and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the frequent revision of the sugar output estimate for the 2016-17 marketing year puts in question the credibility of the industry body, ISMA;
(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue of sugar production forecast with ISMA; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) On the basis of cane availability data released by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) in their 1st advance estimates and inputs from Cane Commissioner's of sugar producing States as also keeping in view the droughts in some parts of the country, the Government initially estimated sugar production for the current sugar season 2016-17 at about 225 Lakh MT as against last year production of 251.21 Lakh MT. The position was further reviewed in view of unanticipated reduction in cane availability for crushing by the sugar mills especially in Maharashtra and Karnataka. Taking this into consideration, the Government revised its sugar production estimates to 203 Lakh MT which together with carry over stock of 77 Lakh MT is enough to meet the revised estimated consumption of 244 Lakh MT.
(b),(c)&(d) The Central Government estimates sugar production on the basis of sugarcane production data released by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare as well as information/data furnished by the Cane Commissioner's of the sugar producing States.
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